

TO: The Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
DATE: March 24, 2026
RE: County Manager Report

- **Are your children safe on the Internet? Learn what you can do from a panel of experts during a Live Town Hall at 6 p.m. March 25.** Online child sexual exploitation or abuse does not discriminate, and these crimes are happening in Douglas County. What can parents, coaches, teachers or other trusted adults do? Start by getting informed during a Live Town Hall at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. The Board of Douglas County Commissioners will host *Courageous Conversations – Our Children and the Internet* – an informative panel discussion designed to help us all keep children safe while using the Internet. [Visit our webpage to learn more](#) and for details to attend on the phone, online or in person.



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Public Works

Activity Report March 9 – March 20, 2026

- **Douglas County slash-mulch site opens for the season at new location in Sedalia** - In 2025, your diligent yardwork and wildfire mitigation around your home helped Douglas County convert 32,841 cubic yards of tree limbs and yard debris into mulch – roughly the volume of 10 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Now, the resident-favorite slash-mulch and green yard waste programs return for the 2026 season at a **new location** with extended, early-season hours.

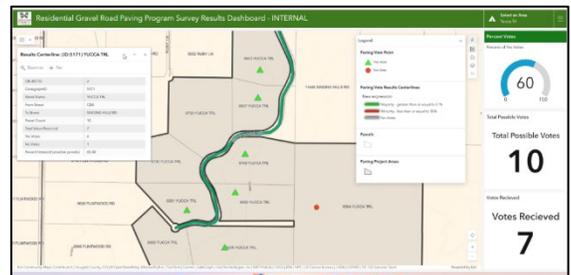


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The new site, located at **5675 Delva Way in Sedalia**, will officially open Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. [Visit our webpage to plan your visit to the new site and to learn more about services.](#)

- **Turning Feedback into Better Roads: Gravel Pavement Survey App Now Live** - Public Works and the GIS team are excited to announce the launch of the Gravel Pavement Survey App, a new tool that helps the county better understand community feedback and plan improvements to gravel roads. The app brings together resident survey responses with current road project information, giving staff a clearer picture of where residents are requesting improvements and what work is already planned or underway. By putting this information in one place, the county can more easily identify priorities, support better planning, and communicate more clearly with the community about road maintenance and improvements.

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The Gravel Pavement Survey App is now live and already helping staff better understand gravel road conditions and community priorities. By reducing manual work, keeping information current, and providing

a shared view of projects and feedback, the app supports greater transparency, collaboration, and more informed decision-making across the county.

- **I-25/Lincoln Avenue IGA with City of Lone Tree** - The I-25/Lincoln Avenue Traffic and Mobility Improvement



Project has been a long-running, collaborative effort between Douglas County and the City of Lone Tree dating back to at least 2014, following a series of earlier interim improvements completed jointly by both jurisdictions. After securing funding from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to begin formal study, the project team revisited and re-evaluated design concepts when the original approach proved too costly and lacked support from the Federal Highway Administration. With those issues resolved, the project is now prepared to move into final design focusing on long-term mobility solutions for one of the region’s busiest corridors.

Staff presented an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) outlining shared financial responsibility for additional preconstruction activities. The estimated \$3 million project will be funded equally by Douglas County (\$1 million), the City of Lone Tree (\$1 million) and DRCOG (\$1 million). This phase will advance:

- Final design for early-action bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the south side of Lincoln Avenue from Park Meadows Drive to Havana.
- Design plans for a split-T intersection at Lincoln and Havana, including a new road connection into Coventry.
- Design for the Lincoln–Cottonwood grade-separated bicycle/pedestrian crossing.
- Construction of the early-action bicycle and pedestrian improvements is anticipated to begin in 2027, with completion expected by fall 2028.

At their Tuesday, March 10, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the IGA with the City of Lone Tree (Passes 3-0). The Board emphasized the project’s regional importance and the strong partnership with Lone Tree that has helped advance several transportation priorities.

- **Pine Drive/Pine Lane Improvement Project** - Plans are underway for reconstruction and widening of Pine Drive to a four-lane roadway from Lincoln Avenue to just north of the Pine Drive/Pine Lane intersection. Pine Lane will be also be widened from Dixon Drive to Pine Drive with one through lane each way and a center turn lane. Traffic signals will be installed at the Pine Drive/Pine Lane and Ponderosa Drive/Pine Lane intersections. Bids for the construction project were advertised starting on Dec. 22, 2025, and the County received 10 bids by Jan. 27, 2026. Hamon Infrastructure submitted the lowest bid at \$13,218,000, which was less than the engineer’s estimate of \$15 million.



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County staff recommended awarding the contract to Hamon Infrastructure for the construction project. Staff also sought approval to reallocate a total of \$3 million in other budget line items toward the project. \$5,218,000 for the project will come from the Road Sales & Use Tax Fund (Fund 230) and \$8 million will come from the Transportation Infrastructure Fund (Fund 235).

At their Tuesday, March 10, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reallocation of \$3 million toward the project and approved the contract with Hamon Infrastructure to not exceed \$13,218,000 (Passes 3-0).

Active Projects ([Cone Zone Webpage](#))

- **[County Line Road Widening and Reconstruction](#)** – Construction on County Line Road began in September



2025. As of Jan. 6, 2026, County Line Road was fully closed for approximately 100 days between Clarkson Street and the U-Haul business access. ([Detour Map for County Line Road Closure at Clarkson St and Phillips Ave](#)) This closure is required for crews to safely import, move and place large quantities of dirt, equal to filling 40,000 washing machines, at Lee Gulch. The fill operations, which are a key component of the widening and reconstruction work, will level out the roadway by removing the dip at Lee Gulch, improving drainage, driver line of sight and overall public safety. [Visit our webpage for closure details beginning in January 2026 and lasting through mid-April](#)

Since 2019, Douglas County has worked with partners to advance the final design, acquire right-of-way, and prepare utility relocation design for a major water line located within the project area. Douglas County is partnering with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, City of Littleton, and City of Centennial to fund the project.

- **I-25 Douglas County Monument Signs** – Cushing Terrell has begun producing construction plans for both the north and south monument signs. The project team has received initial comments from CDOT and is working to address them. Once CDOT approves the design the application will continue to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. Approval is expected to take several months.

- **[Hilltop Road \(Legend High School to Crest View Drive\) Improvements Project](#)** – For segment 1 of this project, construction began on April 16, 2025 and crews began paving operations on March 9, 2026. This is the first of three projects planned over the next few years to reconstruct and widen the Hilltop Road and Singing Hills Road corridors. The project has a 16-month completion date and is anticipated to be finished in September 2026. Phase 2 of Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027; and will take 9 to 12 months to construct. Phase 3 of construction is anticipated to begin in 2029 (pending funding); and will take 12 to 18 months to construct.



There have been questions from citizens about the new roundabout construction at the intersection of Crestview Dr and Village Rd on Hilltop Rd, which will eliminate the existing two-way stop-controlled intersection. Here is the map: [Roundabout Rendition/Map](#).

- **[Pine Creek and Highway 67 Culvert Replacement Project](#)** - Two culverts on Pine Creek Rd and three culverts on Douglas County Highway 67 need to be replaced. The existing storm culverts vary in size from 36” diameter to 48” diameter and are made of metal. Construction started in Fall 2025 and will end in May 2026. These culvert replacements will have roadway impacts and travelers to the area should expect long delays.



- **[Waterton and Eagle River Roundabout Project](#)** - Construction started on December 8, 2025, and is anticipated to be completed by March 8, 2026. [View Roundabout Plan here](#)



Phase 1 was completed on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Phase 2 Traffic switch will remain in configuration until the first week of April. This configuration includes opening lanes on Waterton Rd in both directions of traffic as well as opening Eagle River St to the south. The north side of Waterton Rd will be closed and access from Eagle River St to the north of the intersection will

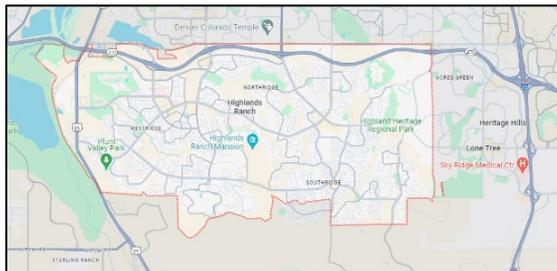
also be closed. [Detour Map for the Work Zone](#)

- Highlands Ranch Pkwy Reconstruction, Broadway to Burntwood** - County staff are preparing the bid package; the bid opening is scheduled for April 7th. A cost-plus time bidding process will be used and both concrete and asphalt pavement will be bid. Contractors will provide the anticipated number of days to complete construction, and this will be factored into the bid. This project includes the reconstruction of the pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter between Broadway and Burntwood. Additionally, a new median will be constructed, new signals will be constructed at Highlands Ranch Parkway and Ridgeglen, and the signals at Burntwood will be replaced. Construction is scheduled to begin in June, pending successful bidding.



- Highlands Ranch Drainage Projects**

- Veneford Ranch Rd and Green Meadows Dr Storm Sewer Repair** – Douglas County recently completed storm sewer repair work on Veneford Ranch Road at Green Meadows Drive that took place from Feb. 24 through March 3, 2026.
 - Highlands Parkway and Daisy Ct Storm Sewer UV CIPP Lining Project** – Douglas County’s contractor will be conducting UV CIPP Lining within Highlands Ranch Parkway (between Burntwood Way and Windsor Way), during March 9 – 13, 2026. This project will have lane shifts in eastbound Highlands Ranch Parkway for the contractor to access the manholes in the eastbound outside lane/bike lane and center median lane. During the week, both directions on Highlands Ranch Parkway (between Burntwood and Windsor Way) will be reduced to 2 lanes.



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- [Broadway at Northridge Recreation Center Storm Sewer Maintenance Project](#)** – Staff have begun the maintenance phase of this project for the 54” Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) located along the front of the Northridge Recreation Center in Highlands Ranch, and the dual 126” CMP storm culverts that are located under Broadway at the Northridge Recreation Center. The project is expected to be completed on April 2, 2026.



On Monday, February 16, 2026, the contractor began lining the 90” storm sewer from Wildcat Reserve Pkwy and University to the outfall north of Lark Sparrow Dr. The right turn lane from northbound Wildcat Reserve Pkwy to eastbound University will be closed for approximately 6 weeks and the through lane will become the through/right turn lane during this time; and the sidewalk on the east side will also be closed. The contractor will also be staging on the north side of Lark Sparrow Dr and there will be a traffic shift there also, but lanes will remain open.

- **2026 Pavement Management**

- The 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project was bid on December 9th. Chato’s Concrete LLC was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$2,279,120.00. This is 9% below the engineer’s estimate. Work is expected to begin in March.

- The 2025 Concrete Crushing project is nearing completion. As the sidewalk project removes and replaces concrete, the old concrete is stockpiled at the Moore Road facility. The County has contracted with Western Wrecking to crush the concrete, which is then used on future road and sidewalk projects. The concrete removed during repairs is 100% recycled and reused. The project has produced roughly 20,000 cubic yards of recycled concrete base course.



- The 2026 Guardrail Repair Project will begin in March with a guardrail installation at Wolfensberger Rd. and Hier Ln. as well as guardrail repairs at Waterton and Louviers, Waterton and Mt. Kataka, Chambers and Haseley, and Surrey Dr. and Heather Dr.

- The 2026 Asphalt Overlay Project bid on December 2nd. The apparent low bidder was Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. with a bid of \$10,230,041.55 which was 13% below the engineer’s estimate. Work is expected to begin in May.



- **Jones Road** – Matrix Design Group was selected as the design consultant for the Jones Road project. The project includes asphalt paving of the roughly 3-mile road as well as drainage improvements. The project will be constructed in phases. A concept design has been selected, and the team is working towards the final design of the first phase. Staff are reviewing the 90% plans for phase one while Matrix continues to work on phase two. Final design for the remainder of the project is expected by the end of the year.

- **Grigs Road Paving Project – Phase 2** - RS&H was selected as the design consultant for phase 2 of the Grigs Road project. Phase 2 will start where phase 1 ends, near the East-West Trailhead Parking Lot and will continue north onto the existing concrete road. The project includes realignment of the road, drainage improvements, a parallel pedestrian trail, and asphalt paving. The consultant has developed concept-level designs for the roadway and adjacent trail. A virtual open house is being developed to share the concept designs and solicit feedback from the public. Survey and geotechnical work continue. This project is scheduled to be constructed in 2027.



- **Quebec and Park Meadows Dr Intersection Improvements** – The 30% design for the “quick action plan” was received and County staff is reviewing. The initial signing and striping improvement package is scheduled to bid in May and will be constructed in summer of 2026. The final design contract with Basis Partners was approved by the Board on February 24th. The Basis team is scheduling subconsultants for survey, SUE and geotechnical investigation. Final design for corridor improvements and pavement reconstruction is expected in the fall of 2026.



- **2023 Bannock LID** - The design consultant, TST, is working on the design, with a preliminary design expected by the end of the year. County staff have reviewed the initial roadway design and provided feedback. A design review meeting is scheduled for March 10 with TST and county staff. The final roadway design will be reviewed as well as the drainage plan. The project is scheduled for May 26 bid opening and construction will begin in summer 2026.



(Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)

- **2023 Spring Canyon LID** – The design consultant, TST, is nearing the end of preliminary design and will continue into final design. The CDPHE approval process for the proposed lift station continues. CORE and Black Hills Energy continue to work on the designs for electric and gas services. The county has received rough construction cost estimates as well as a proposal for final design and the project is on schedule for a June 23, 2026 bid opening date. TST has started reaching out to property owners to discuss design considerations. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the



County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)

Operations

- **Street Sweeping** - March: 369 lane miles swept; 1,051 lane miles swept YTD
- **Grading** - March: 170 lane miles graded; 555 total lane miles graded YTD
- **Paved Surface Report**
 - Pothole Patching – March: 4,550; YTD: 21,080 pounds of material
 - Crack Sealing – March: 25,150; YTD: 91,865 pounds of material
- **Culvert Inspections:** 200 inspections completed YTD. This reporting period, 25 total inspections completed in the following locations: Bur Oak Ln, Meadow View, Red Oak Way, Pine Forest Ln and S. Pinery Pkwy.
 - 0 – excellent condition
 - 6 – good condition
 - 17 – fair condition
 - 2 – poor condition
 - 0 – severe condition



Development Review Projects

- **MS4 and Stormwater Matters**
 - **Annual Report to CDPHE** – Douglas County submitted the MS4 Permit Annual Report to CDPHE prior to the March 10, 2026, deadline. The Annual Report documents Douglas County’s compliance with the provisions of the MS4 Permit.



- **Dad Clark Gulch Reach DCW 5.0 (FC2026-003)** - A GESC Permit was issued for the stabilization of a section of Dad Clark Gulch, north of Wildcat Reserve Parkway. This project is a collaborative effort between Douglas County, Highlands Ranch Metro District, and Mile High Flood District.



Community Services

Activity Report March 5 – March 18, 2026

Projects or Grants:

- HEART Success Story** - In December 2022, HEART navigators encountered a male individual staying in a tunnel between Highlands Ranch and Lone Tree. During their initial contact, they learned he had been experiencing homelessness since 1993 and was not interested in housing or engaging with HEART services. Despite his reluctance to engage, HEART navigators continued to check on him whenever he was in the area to ensure his wellbeing.



On February 22, 2026, the same individual flagged down a HEART unit in Lone Tree. He reported significant declines in his health and stated that Colorado’s elevation was no longer compatible with his medical needs. He asked the team to help him begin making his way back to Texas. The team agreed and assisted him with this request.

The HEART team's ongoing efforts and consistent support meant that when he was finally ready to make a change in his situation, he knew exactly who he could turn to. He told the navigator that he appreciated HEART always being so kind to him and the team was always there for him when he needed them the most.

- HEART February 2026 Report**



- Castle Rock Town Council Approves Link Expansion** – On March 3, Douglas County Commissioners presented a proposal to Castle Rock Town Council about partnering with the County to expand Link On Demand services in Castle Rock. Castle Rock Town Council unanimously approved the proposal, allowing staff from both entities to coordinate the development of an Intergovernmental Agreement to launch Link On Demand services to Castle Rock residents as a pilot project.



- Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI): Youth and Adult Leaders Meeting** – Youth leaders met with Douglas County elected officials on March 12 for a fun, interactive evening focused on conversation, connection, and collaboration. This relaxed gathering created space for teen leaders to share perspectives, exchange ideas, and connect directly with adult counterparts and county decision-makers. Topics discussed were Pathways to Leadership, Public Service and Civic Engagement, Future Workforce and Internships, and Current Issues.



Open Space and Natural Resources

- Prairie Canyon Ranch Access Improvements** - Prairie Canyon Ranch Open Space has been difficult to access, and there are safety concerns with increased traffic along State Hwy 83 from visitors to the open space. The Colorado Department of Transportation conducted a detailed, qualifications-based consultant selection process for broader safety improvements along Hwy 83 between Franktown and El Paso County.



Since Douglas County is partnering with CDOT on the Hwy 83 improvement project, staff recommends using the same firm that CDOT selected, Theorem Design Group, Inc. This will lower costs and improve efficiency. The total cost for the County’s Hwy 83 improvement project at Prairie Canyon Ranch Open Space is not to exceed \$450,000 with funding coming from the Road Sales & Use Tax Fund (Fund 230).

At their Tuesday, March 10, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the contract with Theorem Design Group, Inc. to not exceed \$450,000 (Passes 3-0).

- Proactive Response to Mountain Pine Beetle Impacts in Douglas County** - In 2025, the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to conduct pine beetle surveys across the Front Range. The data revealed widespread beetle activity in ponderosa pine forests, with Douglas County identified as an area experiencing significant infestation. Warmer temperatures and prolonged drought have further weakened local forests, creating conditions that favor beetle survival and spread. As tree mortality rises, beetle-killed trees can alter wildfire behavior and, under certain conditions, intensify fire severity.



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In response, OSNR staff have prioritized early, proactive management to protect Douglas County’s forests and watersheds. Working alongside CSFS and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), staff have begun removing previously infested trees and initiating comprehensive assessments in high-risk areas. OSNR is also partnering with open space teams across the Front Range and collaborating with forest health professionals to reduce tree mortality and address the impacts of a growing mountain pine beetle outbreak. Together, these coordinated efforts are focused on strengthening forest resilience, lowering wildfire risk, and protecting the long-term health of Douglas County’s natural landscapes.

- Geology Field Trip to Sandstone Ranch Open Space with Colorado Early Colleges** - On Thursday, March 12th, a group of students from Colorado Early Colleges visited the guided side of Sandstone Ranch Open Space for a hands-on introduction to geology. The field trip was led by Open Space & Natural Resources

(OSNR) geology volunteers, who taught students how to identify igneous and sedimentary rock outcrops, how different rock types form, and practice writing detailed field notes.

Volunteers guided students on a hike into the quarry where they observed the Tava Sandstone and explored the Great Unconformity, a remarkable geologic feature representing a gap of millions of years in Earth's history.

OSNR staff were excited to host this experience and provide students with the opportunity to learn in the field. The department is committed to expanding educational programming throughout 2026 for all Douglas County residents to explore and connect with our diverse open space properties.



Sheriff's Office

- **Unified Forensic Laboratory** - Douglas County helped establish the Unified Forensic Laboratory (UFL) to reduce evidence backlogs and improve turnaround times for critical forensic work. The lab has already produced major public-safety results, including identifying a serial offender in the [decades-old Rhonda Fisher homicide case](#) after UFL analysts uncovered previously undetected DNA. These successes highlight the importance of strong partnerships and sustained staffing to support regional investigations.



The Douglas County Sheriff's Office proposed an addendum to the existing intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to formalize the 23rd Judicial District Attorney's Office as a full partner in the UFL. Under the agreement, the DA's office will fund a full-time DNA analyst, increasing capacity to process evidence, reduce backlogs and support cases requiring timely forensic analysis.

At their Tuesday, March 10, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the addendum to the IGA (Passes 3-0). The Board reaffirmed their commitment of investing in public safety services, including maintaining reliable forensic services.

- **Leading the Way: How Our Local Responders are Redefining Rescue** - Douglas County is setting a new standard for public safety by integrating cutting-edge flight technology into our local emergency response. Discover how local responders are using advanced drone technology to cut search times, protect volunteers, and save lives in our own backyard. [Read more](#) (source: DCEDC)



Community Development

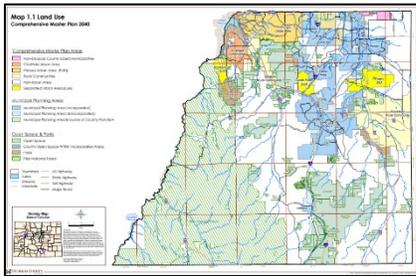
- **Agritourism Zoning Updates** - As farms and ranches look for ways to stay viable, agritourism offers new opportunities for landowners to share hands on agricultural experiences (festivals, farm visits and educational activities) while generating supplemental income. The County aims to support these operations, expand public access to rural experiences and update zoning rules so the process is easier for both landowners and visitors. A public referral/feedback period was open from Dec. 12, 2025 - Jan. 18, 2026. Feedback ranged from no objection agency responses to community concerns about traffic, noise, water and neighborhood impacts. A Jan. 8, 2026, public workshop also generated questions and input from residents. At the Board of County Commissioners' Work Session on Monday, March 9, county staff proposed zoning amendments creating a structured framework for agritourism activities.



Proposed zoning amendments would allow certain types of agritourism in agricultural and large lot rural areas with different levels of review depending on the size of an event, from small activities needing no special approval to larger events that require County staff review or a public meeting. It also introduces a new option for long term agritourism businesses, called Agritourism Centers, which would go through the County’s established review processes.

Following staff’s presentation and discussion of referral feedback, the Board approved a motion to move the agritourism zoning proposal forward to a future public hearing (Passes 3-0). This action allows the proposal to advance into the formal hearing process, during which the Planning Commission and the Board will each receive public testimony before considering final adoption. [Learn more about agritourism](#)

- **Laying the Groundwork for the CMP Interactive Map** - The CMP Interactive Map project has reached an exciting milestone, driven by a shared vision for innovation and change. Led by Curt Weitkumat, Planning Manager, Phase 1 has been successfully finalized following months of detailed analysis and teamwork. This accomplishment was enabled by our managed service partner, GIS Peace, who collaborated closely with the County’s GIS team and Planning leadership to thoroughly evaluate, organize, and confirm the CMP’s essential data.



The team has successfully completed the analysis and developed a strong and dependable database, setting the stage for future advancements. This effort has converted separate, static datasets into a unified and well-organized system intended for smooth interaction. Consequently, the CMP data is now consistent, well-documented, and ready to improve a contemporary, user-friendly mapping experience.

Looking ahead, the momentum continues to build. The next phase will unlock this work in a public-facing interactive map, making the CMP more accessible and engaging for the community. Through a strong partnership between GIS Peace, the DCIT GIS team, and Planning, the vision for a more transparent and dynamic CMP is well on its way to becoming a reality—coming soon.

- **Builder Realty Council of Metropolitan Denver** - On March 12, staff attended a meeting of the Builder Realty Council of Metropolitan Denver. Staff shared information on new businesses and developments in the County, demographics and permitting data, existing and proposed regulations such as short-term rentals and agritourism, the water plan, and using available information and tools like the Zoning Resolution and Zoning and Land Use Map. Attending the industry group meeting provided a valuable opportunity to build new connections with realtors and builders who operate in the Denver metro area.



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Strategic Solutions

Process Improvement Showcase

- **Community Development Process Improvement Initiative - Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

- **Problem Identified:** Preparing advisory board meeting minutes was a time-intensive, repetitive process requiring 5–7 hours per meeting for the multiple boards and commissions the team supports (up to 336 hours annually). This created a heavy administrative burden, inconsistent documentation, delays during busy periods, and low staff satisfaction.



- **Improvement:** The Resource Services Team implemented a structured process improvement using Copilot Chat. They piloted the approach with one board, developed a standardized prompt, and maintained staff involvement and managerial oversight. After successful validation, the solution was expanded and integrated into the department’s advisory board workflows.
 - **Time Saving:** Documentation time was reduced to approximately 30 minutes per meeting, saving 4.5–6.5 hours per meeting and 216–312 hours annually, an 85–90% reduction.
 - **Team Members Involved:** Community Development – Resource Services Team, including (left to right) Celeste Deal, Maryna Sheveria, Megan Grandsard, Samantha Hutchison and Lynne Wilson.
- **Situational Awareness Reports:** Since 4th quarter, 2025, the team at the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been testing a smarter way to keep ourselves informed and prepared. We launched an **AI-assisted** workflow designed to streamline our weekly Situational Awareness reports by automatically gathering data from a wide net of sources, including the National Weather Service, CDOT, and local utilities. While the AI does the heavy lifting of researching, aggregating and formatting the data into one consistent package, we haven't handed the keys over to the machines just yet. Every report still undergoes a rigorous "eyes-on" review to validate every critical information, ensuring that the final product is as accurate as it is efficient. (Provided by Office of Emergency Management, Debrah Schnackenberg)



The impact on our operations has been a total game-changer for Monday mornings. What used to be a tedious, 2-3 hour manual task has been compressed into a quick 15-to-20-minute process, allowing us to reclaim nearly 90% of that time. By slashing the hours spent on manual research, fact checking and content compilation, our staff can now shift their focus to high-priority tasks like active coordination, risk messaging, and community preparedness. It’s a classic case of working smarter to serve you better, ensuring we spend less time formatting reports and more time keeping our county safe.

- **Red Tape Reduction Task Force** - Douglas County has a longstanding reputation as a business-friendly community. Building on this foundation, the County is exploring new opportunities to attract global businesses through strategic partnerships with the Douglas County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) and key service providers. This collaborative effort brings together staff from Community Development, Public Works, and Strategic Solutions to remove barriers to rapid development and reinforce Douglas County’s position as a premier destination for expanding businesses. The project focuses on leveraging these partnerships and implementing proactive initiatives to drive sustained economic growth across the county.



Efficiency Tips and Tricks

- **Seven ‘thinking prompts’ to add to your AI library** ([source](#))
 1. Explain this problem using first-principles thinking. Break it down to the most fundamental truths and rebuild the explanation from the ground up.
 2. Challenge the common assumption behind this idea. What might skeptics or critics say?
 3. Imagine a panel of experts discussing this problem. What would different experts disagree about?
 4. Explain this idea as clearly as possible for a beginner. Avoid jargon and use simple examples.
 5. Critique this idea and suggest ways it could be improved.
 6. Analyze this problem step by step and explain your reasoning.

Parks and Recreation

Parks Programing

- In partnership with the Highline Canal Conservancy, Parks staff have worked on completing the Location and Extent (L&E) process for the **Origin Trailhead project**. The Planning Commission approved the L&E at its March 16, 2026, meeting. This project will improve the trailhead parking lot off Waterton Road, provide a portable restroom at the trailhead, realign the trail between the parking lot and the highline canal trail, install interpretive signage about the canal's origins, and provide a shade shelter. The Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the project on January 13, 2026.



- **Dog Park Preparations** - One of the strategies that Parks staff uses in an attempt to manipulate Mother Nature is through the use of a product called Grow Blankets. Grass seed will only germinate when soil temperatures reach 50 degrees, and in Douglas County, that can be as late as May. Grow Blankets create a greenhouse effect, helping raise soil temperatures while allowing moisture and air to move freely through the material, giving the grass a head start on the season. Parks staff use this product in County dog parks and soccer goal areas to establish the grass earlier than normal, helping preserve high-traffic areas. The process for this preparation includes aerating the soil, applying a fast-germinating seed, and top dressing with high-quality compost before installing the Grow Blankets. This has proven successful in creating a thick, healthy turfgrass stand that can withstand heavy use in these areas.



- **Batter's Box Reconditioning** - Maintaining high-quality sports fields includes tasks that often go unnoticed but provide consistency and durability to the product. Batter's Boxes are very difficult to maintain at a high level due to the focused traffic they endure. A tactic used by professional baseball teams to solidify the surface is to remove some of the top layer and add compacted clay. The clay is then covered with the surfacing material, leaving a playable but firm profile.



Rueter-Hess Recreation

- **Winter Hiking at Rueter-Hess** - After a largely dry winter, seasonal snowfall arrived just before spring. The wintry conditions did not deter trail users. The incline continues to offer a distinctive, conveniently located recreational opportunity that does not require extensive travel. Visitation in February increased by 37 percent, as community members and guests utilized 6.5 miles of scenic trails and the 132-step incline, which provides a 232-foot elevation gain.



- **Pronghorn Wildlife Sighting at Rueter-Hess Reservoir** - On Wednesday, March 4th, a herd of 11 Pronghorn was spotted along the Percy-Hess trail at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. The herd was seen moving across open grassland habitat adjacent to the trail before continuing through the surrounding prairie landscape. These sightings highlight the importance of the reservoir property as an open habitat that supports native wildlife species.

Similar ungulate species, including Elk and Mule Deer, have also been documented within the reservoir property in previous seasons. The presence of these large herbivores demonstrates the ecological value of the protected open space surrounding the reservoir. Ungulates can provide ecological benefits by naturally grazing vegetation, thereby helping maintain grassland health and plant diversity. Their movement across the landscape can also aid in seed dispersal and contribute to natural ecosystem processes. Continued wildlife observations help park staff document wildlife presence and better understand how ungulate species utilize the reservoir property.



Facilities, Fleet and Emergency Support Services

- **Freedom Fest** - On March 9, Freedom Fest organizers Jeff Hunt and Heidi Ganahl provided an update to the Board regarding their scheduled June 2026 event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Freedom Fest is intended to celebrate Colorado’s 150th birthday through a mix of bipartisan political discourse, family activities and a rodeo. Commissioners discussed waiving rental fees in exchange for a County partnership to highlight local history and public safety. They voted to approve a sponsorship of \$25,000, of which a portion will be in the form of fee waivers. A vote was taken following an executive session to discuss event security and logistical coordination. (Passes 3-0)



Douglas County Fairgrounds and James R. Sullivan Events Center

- **Fairgrounds Events:** Mile Hi Barrels, Valentine’s Dinner Dance, 4-H Beef Weigh-In, Parker Trail Riders, Douglas County Leadership Academy Graduation, Palmer Divide Agility, Shamrock Stampede Race, Kingdom Cheer, PE+, 4-H Cake Decorating, Running Rovers, GOP Breakfast, 50th Birthday Party, DC GOP Rally, Mounted Shoot, 4-H Poultry Clinic, ICCR Holiday Party, Buckle Series Horse Show, Kurdish New Years, Cirque Italia Water Circus, Parker Barkers, DC IT Forum, Cowboys 4-H Practice, Plum Creek Kennel, Revive 1787, Honor Guard, DCSO Blood Drive, 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting, CDF Beef Tag Pick-up, Holistic Expo.
- **Event Spotlight:** From March 27th – March 30th, the Douglas County Fairgrounds is excited to welcome back Cirque Italia, the nation’s premier water circus experience. This one-of-a-kind show features a custom-designed stage holding thousands of gallons of water, delivering a breathtaking mix of acrobatics, aerial performances, and theatrical production that has captivated audiences across the country.



New this year, Cirque Italia will be located in the upper Event Center parking lot, a shift expected to greatly improve overall event flow and accessibility. This updated footprint allows for better coordination with other fairgrounds events while also enhancing parking and entry for Cirque patrons.

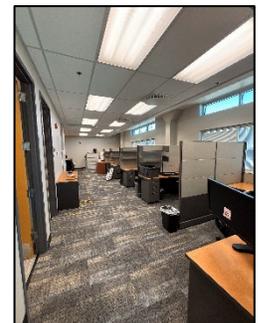
Douglas County staff have been working closely with the Cirque Italia team to support a smooth setup and operation, including site logistics, utilities, and guest services. This new location and continued partnership position the event for another successful return, providing a unique entertainment experience for our community while maximizing functionality across the fairgrounds.

- **Fair & Rodeo Committee Meetings:**

- Show Management 4/1; Livestock Sale 4/1; Marketing 4/6; Guest Experience 4/6; Entertainment 4/9; Executive 4/9; Fair Board 4/16

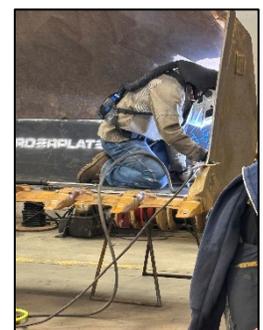
Facilities:

- **Fairgrounds** - Kirk Hall Floor Finish: 100% complete (pictured)
- **Justice Center**
 - Detention Kitchen Reseal: 15% complete
 - Judges Area Remodel Room #3026: 10% complete
- **LED Lighting Conversions**
 - Substation: 100% complete
 - Traffic: 15% complete
- **Lansing Point:** Phase II: 39% complete
- **Miller Building** – 3rd floor Attorney’s file room #330 patched, painted, new carpet and base installed: 100% complete
- **PMC Clerk & Recorder Remodel:** 1st Floor - 100% complete (pictured)
- **Plum Creek VSO Remodel:** North side Vets: 5% complete



Fleet

- **Working On:**
 - Fuel site controller/pedestal upgrades with IT – anticipating April start for implementations
 - Overhaul of CAT950M bucket (pictured)
- **Fleet Acquisitions:**
 - 2024 Asset Replacements & ADDS
 - Budgeted (69) – 7 at upfitter, 62 received.
 - 2025 Asset Replacements & ADDS
 - Budgeted (64) – 28 at upfitter, 36 received.
 - 2026 Asset Replacements & ADDS
 - Budgeted (61) – 15 in progress, 40 POs, 6 received.
- **Recently Completed:**
 - In-Serviced units 2537, 2358, 2518, 2515, and 26005.
 - Agendas submitted for approval by the BOCC
 - LHM for the replacement of units 1402, 1617, 1749, and 1988.
 - TransWest for the replacement of R&B unit 14038 chassis.
 - 4 Rivers for the upfit of R&B unit 14038’s replacement chassis.
 - The Harley Service IFB has been sent to purchasing to be posted.



- **Safety and Security/Emergency Support Services:**
 - The Emergency Notification System was tested on March 10th. Please contact DCSecurity@douglas.co.us with any questions.
 - The Hazard Mitigation Plan is available online at <https://www.douglas.co.us/douglas-countys-hazard-mitigation-plan/> for public comment and review until April 6. At that time, it will be finalized, sent to the State and FEMA for approval, and finally adopted by the BOCC.
 - Crime Lab camera upgrade is complete.
 - The Wilcox exterior camera upgrade is complete.
 - County-Wide old badge readers upgrade is 40% complete.

Information Technology

Completed IT Projects

- **Gravel Pavement Survey App – Backend Automation** – IT and Public Works have launched improvements to the County’s gravel road survey system. Public Works staff use a mobile app in the field to record road conditions during inspections. This project automatically connects those field survey results to the County’s road network database, ensuring that updates to road conditions are immediately available in the systems used to plan and track paving and maintenance work.



This automation provides Public Works staff with timely and reliable information when deciding which roads need maintenance or improvement providing the following benefits:

- Residents can more easily see which roads are scheduled for maintenance or paving and why.
- Public Works can prioritize road repairs using more accurate and current field data.
- Road condition information used in County maps and dashboards is more consistent and reliable.
- Staff spend less time manually entering and correcting data and more time addressing road maintenance needs.

Active IT Projects

Project Name	Description	Dept/Office
Zoning Statutes Codification Project	Currently, zoning regulations are distributed through multiple PDF documents that can be difficult to search and navigate. The new system will place all zoning regulations into a single online platform where residents, businesses, and County staff can easily search, browse, and view the latest rules. This will make zoning information easier to access, ensure updates are clearly tracked, and help staff maintain accurate and legally compliant regulations.	Community Development
.gov Migration Project	This project will move Douglas County’s websites and email addresses from the douglas.co.us domain to the more secure douglasco.gov domain. A .gov domain can only be issued to verified government entities and is managed under strict federal standards. This helps residents quickly recognize official County communications and reduces the risk of fraudulent or impersonated websites. The migration will update county websites, staff email addresses, and other public-facing materials to the new domain.	Countywide
WorkSMART Budget/Finance	The WorkSMART program will modernize the County’s financial system. We are moving from manual, outdated processes to one connected system	Countywide

	that provides real-time data, simpler workflows, and better visibility to support smarter decisions and future growth.	
Next-Gen Teams and SharePoint	This initiative will establish clear standards and training for how departments use Microsoft Teams and SharePoint to share documents and collaborate. By organizing files and collaboration spaces in a consistent way, employees will be able to find information faster, reduce duplicate documents, and work together more effectively across departments.	Countywide
Recreation Opportunity Public Map	Douglas County is developing a comprehensive, up-to-date online map that highlights parks, trails, open spaces, and other recreational opportunities across the County. The map will make it easier for residents and visitors to discover nearby outdoor activities and plan visits using current information about available amenities.	Parks
DC Services Refresh	This project is upgrading IT's support service portal to provide a modern, user-friendly experience to request and track IT support. This update will introduce a simpler home page, improved search, one ticket for any request, and clearer views for My Tasks and My Requests.	Countywide
FFESS Fuel Management System Replacement	Douglas County is replacing its aging fuel management system used to track fuel usage across nine County fueling sites. The current system is outdated and difficult to maintain. The new cloud-based system will provide more reliable fuel tracking, stronger security, and improved reporting while reducing maintenance challenges for staff.	FFESS
Comprehensive Master Plan Interactive Map Phase 1	This phase focuses on preparing and organizing the geographic data used for the County's Comprehensive Master Plan so it can support a future public interactive map. By cleaning and standardizing the data now, the County will be able to provide residents with an easier way to explore planning information such as land use, development areas, and planning policies through an interactive map.	Community Development – Planning
Server Patching Tool	This new system will keep the County's modern computer servers updated with important security and reliability fixes. The new solution will make it easier to track updates, produce required reports, and schedule maintenance with minimal disruption.	IT
Windows Hello Deployment Project	This project will introduce a new way for employees to sign in to their County computers. Instead of typing a password, many employees will be able to sign in using a fingerprint, facial recognition, or a secure PIN. This change will make logging in faster for users while also strengthening protection against phishing and password theft.	Countywide
Bitwarden Password Management Project	Staff is implementing Bitwarden, a secure password manager that allows employees to safely store and manage their work passwords. The system helps staff create stronger passwords, securely share credentials when needed, and reduce the risks associated with reused or weak passwords.	Countywide
Microsoft Purview Security Tools Project	This project will introduce additional tools to better protect sensitive County information. These tools help identify and label sensitive data, enforce security policies, and detect unusual activity that may signal potential misuse or data exposure.	Countywide
Office Monthly Enterprise Channel Modernization Project	This initiative will standardize how Microsoft Office applications are updated across the County. Regular updates help keep applications secure, improve performance, and ensure employees have access to the latest features while maintaining stability across County systems.	Countywide

POSSE Mobile	POSSE is the County’s system used by Planning, Engineering, and Building staff to manage permits, inspections, and development applications. This project will update the mobile version of the POSSE application used by field inspectors so it remains compatible with Apple’s latest iOS software. The update will prevent service interruptions, improve performance, and ensure inspectors can continue to access permit and inspection information while working in the field.	IT, Planning, Engineering, Building
E. Lansing Point Bldg. – Technical Infrastructure Relocation Moves	Phase 2 of this project supports the completion of the E. Lansing Point building by installing the technology infrastructure needed for County operations. This includes network connectivity, computer systems, and workspace technology needed to support the relocation of staff as the County expands services in northern Douglas County.	Human Services, Community Services

Public Health

- **Upcoming Vaccination Clinic** - Douglas County Health Department is partnering with SECOR Cares and the Public Health Institute at Denver Health to offer a quick and convenient vaccination clinic. Vaccines will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-ins are welcome!



 Wednesday, March 25, 2026

 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

 SECOR Cares, 17151 Pine Lane, Parker CO

 Available Vaccines – Flu, COVID, RSV and required school vaccines will be available for both adults and children

 What to Bring – ID; Vaccination Record (from CO or prior state of country); Insurance card, if you have insurance No insurance? You are still welcome.

 Pre-registration: Complete the [online form](#) and select 'SECOR Cares' as the location.

- **Turning 8,000 Paper Permits into Clicks** - In late November last year, Douglas County launched the OWTS



Archive Scanning operational initiative, a major milestone in expanding public access to historical septic permit records. This effort builds on earlier GIS work by adding more than 8,000 previously paper-only OWTS permits into the County’s public-facing GIS application, allowing citizens and contractors to search for and view archived permit documents directly from an interactive map. The initiative represents a significant step forward in transparency, accessibility, and long-term records preservation.

The OWTS Archive Scanning initiative highlights the power of strong collaboration across County teams and partners. By transforming thousands of legacy documents into a searchable GIS layer, the County has reduced manual retrieval efforts, improved service responsiveness, and preserved critical records for the future. It’s a great example of how GIS, supported by trusted partners, continues to deliver meaningful, behind-the-scenes improvements with lasting public impact. [Click to View App](#)

Commissioner Meetings – March 9, 2026

- **State Lobbyist Call** - Douglas County Commissioners and State Lobbyists discuss legislative updates, grant requests, and local program revisions. The first session focuses on state lobbyist communications, with a motion to enter an executive session to address sensitive negotiations.

Douglas County Commissioners convened to establish official stances on several state legislative bills. Commissioners voted to oppose four measures, including House Bill 1203 and Senate Bill 103. Conversely, the board moved to support two Senate bills, specifically highlighting an interest in expanding farm-to-table freedoms and food service deregulation. They also reached a consensus to seek amendments for Senate Bill 116 to protect senior tax exemptions while removing unfavorable provisions.

- **Freedom Fest** - Organizers Jeff Hunt and Heidi Ganahl provided an update to the Board regarding the upcoming Freedom Fest event. Scheduled for June 2026, the festival aims to celebrate Colorado's 150th birthday through a mix of political discourse, family activities, and a rodeo. The organizers emphasize a grassroots focus and plan to invite a bipartisan range of candidates and high-profile speakers to the Douglas County Fairgrounds. During the session, the Board of Commissioners discussed waiving rental fees in exchange for a county partnership that highlights local history and public safety. The meeting concluded with a transition into an executive session to address specific concerns regarding event security and logistical coordination.

Following a private executive session, the Board voted unanimously to provide financial support at a specific sponsorship tier and waive all rental fees for the use of the county fairgrounds. The officials expressed strong alignment with the event's mission, viewing the partnership to boost local tourism and showcase the community to a national audience. They believe the investment will yield significant economic benefits by attracting new residents and increasing tax revenue through increased travel spending. Ultimately, the board prioritized brand association with the festival, seeing the agreement as a mutually beneficial arrangement for the region.

- **Work Session – Various**

Douglas County Commissioners and staff discuss draft applications for congressionally directed spending, specifically highlighting a \$3 million grant request for dual right-turn lanes onto E470 from Quebec in Highlands Ranch. To discuss prioritization and negotiation tactics for these competitive funds, a motion was made and passed to enter into an executive session. Following this, the board discussed proposed amendments to establish agritourism regulations, opting to reject a suggestion to cap the number of small-scale events to prevent creating barriers for rural operations. A motion was then made and unanimously passed to advance the agritourism regulations to public hearings.

Staff also presented a re-evaluation of the temporarily suspended Adopt-a-Road program, noting that the baseline program of two volunteer cleanups per year saves the county approximately \$50,000 annually in labor costs. To improve the program, the board directed staff to take several actions: map high-incident areas that require more frequent cleanups, establish tier-based cleanup frequency requirements (such as up to six times a year for busy roads), and seek legal advice regarding the participation and signage rules for registered political campaign committees. Staff will complete these action items and return in a couple of weeks with a revised structure to relaunch the program

Commissioner Meetings – March 10, 2026

- **County Administrative Meeting** - County Attorney, Jeff Garcia introduces a specific legal concern that requires the group's immediate attention. He formally requests that the members transition into a private executive session to discuss the ongoing litigation. The motion is supported and unanimously approved by the Board.

The board returned from executive session and discussed ways to honor a former colleague, scheduling the 2026 State of the County event, ultimately settling on December 17th. A significant portion of the session focuses on a childcare property tax incentive program, which the board officially moves toward a public hearing. Additionally, the members review and approve letters of support for regional water projects

and a navigation campus. The meeting concludes with brief remarks regarding facility maintenance and inter-jurisdictional cooperation before the commissioners adjourn.

Commissioner Meetings – March 16, 2026

- **State Lobbyist Call** - Commissioner Laydon initiated a motion to enter into an executive session under section 24642 for SEC to discuss confidential legislative negotiating tactics. The motion was seconded and passed with a 2-0 vote.

Upon returning to the public session, the board moved to formally change the county's position on Senate Bill 2615 to an "amend" position. This motion included authorizing Commissioner Leaden to lead negotiations with the bill's sponsors. It was second and passed 2-0.

A consolidated motion was made to establish official stances on several other pieces of legislation. The motion was seconded and passed 2-0, resulting in the following actions:

- Support: Senate Bill 2611 (addressing child rape), Senate Bill 111, and Bill 1257 (addressing massage facilities).
- Oppose: Senate Bill 102.

Planning Services Activity Report

Completed Projects					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	03/05/26	Crystal Valley Ranch Filing 14, Amendment 1	Town of Castle Rock for 112 single-family detached lots in Crystal Valley PD	External Referral	RE2026-009
1	03/05/26	Hillcamp Water Pump Booster Station	City of Lone Tree - USR for a new water booster pump to provide potable water	External Referral	RE2026-014
1	03/05/26	RidgeGate East Filing 5	City of Lone Tree for the Final Plat	Ext Referral	RE2026-021
1	03/05/26	Twenty Mile Ind'l Park Filing 2, Lot 6 Block 2	Town of Parker for a 8,910 square foot commercial building.	External Referral	RE2026-022
1	03/05/26	Twenty Mile Village Filing 2, Amd 1 - EV Chargers	Town of Parker for 4 EV Chargers.	External Referral	RE2026-018
2	03/05/26	The Meadows Filing 21, Amendment 1	Town of Castle Rock - New Hope Presbyterian Church is subdividing into 2 lots which will share the existing site improvements. The submitted amended SDP reflects the lot subdivision, relocation of the existing playground and previous minor improvements not reflected.	External Referral	RE2026-023
2	03/05/26	Public Improvement Construction Plan Soleana	2 nd referral request - Town of Castle Rock for a Plat for a mix of 55 detached single-family lots, and 22 live-work homes.	External Referral	RE2026-019
2	03/05/26	Metzler Ranch Filing 3, Amendment 2 Lot 4C	Town of Castle Rock for Clocktower Family Dental.	External Referral	RE2026-025
3	03/05/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 26, Lot 1, 3 rd Rev, 3 rd Mod	Request for a minor change to the existing emergency medical facility.	SIP Modification	SP2026-019
2	03/05/26	Bella Mesa North Filing 1	Town of Castle Rock for a final plat	Ext Referral	RE2026-015
3	03/09/26	Owens Industrial Park Filing 1, 1st Amd, Lot 1A & M/B Parcel, 4 th Amd	Install a heated enclosure to cover fire equipment, add fencing and clarify paved surfacing within the loop road.	Administrative USR Amendment	US2026-001
1	03/09/26	Inverness Filing 6, 9 th Amd, Lot 2D-2A-1, 1 st Mod	Add 2 new EV chargers & 2 wall mounted EV Chargers at existing commercial site.	SIP Modification	SP2026-016

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1	03/10/26	13682 G N State Hwy 83, 2nd Revision, 4th Modd	Eligible Facilities Request for modifications to the site by American Tower.	SIP Modification	SP2026-014
2	03/10/26	Pinery Filing 30-B, Lot 5	Building envelope adjustment to construct an accessory structure.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-002
1	03/12/26	Ridgegate SW Village Filing 1	City of Lone Tree for a USR & SIP for a regional park.	External Referral	RE2026-020
3	03/12/26	7440 North US Highway 85	Range Metropolitan District for two water pump stations and a water storage tank.	Location and Extent	LE2025-027
2	03/16/26	Ramblewood Preliminary Plan	Request to subdivide into 70 single family residential lots and 8 tracts.	Preliminary Plan	SB2025-040
1	03/16/26	Crowsnest Annexation and Planned Dev Zoning	2 nd referral request from the City of Castle Pines for Annexation & PD zoning.	External Referral	RE2026-024
1	03/17/26	Pinery Meadows	136 residential lots	Final Plat	SB2025-045

Referrals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	02/19/26	1619 A N Perry Park Rd	New Verizon Wireless Monopine Tower.	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-085
1	02/20/26	Pinery Meadows, Lots 16-53, 119 and 120	Request for Site Improvement Plan	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-011
2	02/23/26	8635 S SH 83, 2 nd Amd	Minor changes to wall and facade materials, light fixture types, etc.	Administrative Amendment	US2025-017
3	02/23/26	High Line Canal Origin Trailhead	Douglas County to improve the parking lot & trail access along the High Line Canal	Location and Extent	LE2026-002
2	03/03/26	Double D Exemption, 1st Amendment	Request to vacate the common lot line between two exempt residential lots.	Exemption	EX2026-003
2	03/04/26	Perry Park Filing 1, Lot 1A, 15th Amendment	Request to subdivide one residential lot into two lots.	Replat	SB2025-048
2	03/12/26	495 Dawson Trails Boulevard	CORE requests to add a battery energy storage system to the Citadel Substation.	Location and Extent	LE2026-003
2	03/12/26	Westcreek Lakes Filing 2, Block 5, Lot 4 and Lot 5	Request for lot line vacation between Lots 4 and 5.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-008
1	03/13/26	Richlawn Hills, Lot 8	New wireless facility 47' tall	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-003
1	03/16/26	Bloom Metropolitan District Service Plan	Request for a new service plan for the Bloom Metropolitan District.	New Service Plan	SV2026-001
3	03/16/26	River Canyon Filing 2, 5th Amd, Lot 3 and Tract E	Request to adjust the boundary of Lot 3 to reduce the lot and create a new tract.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-003
3	03/16/26	River Canyon Filing 2, Lot 3, 2nd Revision	Reconfigure the number and type of buildings.	SIP Revision	SP2026-005

Upcoming PC Hearings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/06/26	495 Dawson Trails Blvd	Add a battery energy storage system	L&E	LE2026-003
2	04/06/26	Bloom Preliminary Plan	Subdivide 32 single-family residential lots	Prelim Plan	SB2025-017
3	04/06/26	Highlands Ranch Planned Development, 84 th Amd	Assign 350 residential units to Planning Area 85 of the Highlands Ranch PD.	Planned Dev Major Amd	ZR2026-002
2	04/20/26	6067 Perry Park Blvd	New lift station to serve 74 future lots	L&E	LE2026-004

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1	04/20/26	Vacation of a Portion of Cottonwood Avenue	Vacate the easternmost portion of Cottonwood Ave in Grand View Estates.	Roadway Vacation	SB2026-004
	04/20/26	Douglas County Zoning Resolution Amendment to Establish Agritourism Regulations	Allow agritourism activities and related uses in the Agricultural One (A-1) and Large Rural Residential (LRR) zone districts.	Amendment	DR2025-006
1	04/20/26	Stroh Exemption, 1 st Amd, Parcels A & B1	Expand the Urban Area to provide residential and commercial development.	CMP Amendment	DR2025-008

Upcoming BCC Land Use Hearings or Meetings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	03/24/26	State Historical Fund Grant Application for Prairie Canyon Ranch Restoration	Apply for a State Historical Fund grant for restoration work in the Amount of \$250,000 and a County Contribution of \$129,903.65.	Grant Application	
1	03/24/26	Pinery Village Filing 2	Establish 3 commercial lots and 7 tracts	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2021-049
1	04/28/26	Vacation of a Portion of Cottonwood Avenue	Vacate the easternmost portion of Cottonwood Ave in Grand View Estates.	Roadway Vacation	SB2026-004
2	04/28/26	Bloom Preliminary Plan	Subdivide 32 single-family residential lots in the Estate Residential zone district.	Preliminary Plan	SB2025-017
3	05/12/26	Highlands Ranch Planned Development, 84 th Amendment	Request for a Major PD Amendment to assign 350 residential units to Planning Area 85 of the Highlands Ranch PD.	Planned Development Major Amd	ZR2026-002
	05/12/26	Douglas County Zoning Resolution Amendment to Establish Agritourism Regulations	Allow agritourism activities and related uses in the Agricultural One (A-1) and Large Rural Residential (LRR) zone districts.	Amendment	DR202-006

Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	03/04/26	9757 Hilltop Rd	Sanitation infrastructure for Ramblewood Planned Development.	Location and Extent	PS2026-051
2	03/04/26	Canyons South Filing 5, Tracts B & C	Boundary adjustment in some form PD rezoning, Replat, M&B deed.	Replat	PS2026-053
3	03/05/26	M&B NE1/4 PART SE1/4, Off Waterton Road	Manufacturing building and office building on a proposed 10-acre lot.	Site Imp Plan	PS2026-063
2	03/06/26	905 N Highway 83	Discuss additions to the building, parking and other upgrades.	SIP Revision	PS2026-064
2	03/10/26	2129 N State Highway 83	Add to an existing storage building and convert the use from storage to business.	SIP Revision	PS2026-057
2	03/10/26	M/B property west of State Hwy 83 & north of State Hwy 86	The applicant proposes an As-built Site Improvement Plan Revision to document the parking lot previously installed.	Site Improvement Plan	PS2026-058
3	03/10/26	River Canyon Filing 2, 2nd Amendment, Lot 5A	Allow office use in the PA-6 Planning Area.	Planned Dev - Major Amd	PS2026-056

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	03/12/26	Pinery Village Filing 1, part Lot 2, and part of other lands	The applicant proposes a Site Improvement Plan for the construction of an auto oil change facility.	SIP Revision	PS2026-060
2	03/13/26	Country Club at Castle Pines Golf Course 3rd Amd, Part Lot 1B-1	Add to the height of a fence between the golf driving range and tennis courts for added protection.	SIP Revision	PS2026-061
3	03/13/26	Erickson Filing 1, 7th Amendment, Lot 1A	Construction of a small astronomical observatory.	SIP Revision	PS2026-066

Streamline Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	03/04/26	Solitude Colorado, Parcel 39	Building Envelope Adjustment to better position the home on the site.	Exemption	PS2026-046
1	03/11/26	Tallman Gulch Filing 1, Lot 76	Administrative Replat for an Easement Vacation.	Administrative Replat	PS2026-036
1	03/12/26	TR IN S1/2 10-7-66 (Pinery Meadows PD)	Allow alternative lot standards for clusters homes.	Planned Dev - Admin Amd	PS2026-055

New Applications

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	03/04/26	5054 Crowfoot Valley Road, 2nd Modification	Modification for onsite and off-site sanitary sewer improvements.	SIP Modification	SP2026-021
2	03/04/26	Metzler Ranch Filing 3, Amendment 2 Lot 4C	Town of Castle Rock for Clocktower Family Dental.	External Referral	RE2026-025
2	03/11/26	495 Dawson Trails Boulevard	CORE requests to add a battery energy storage system to the Citadel Substation.	Location and Extent	LE2026-003
1	03/12/26	Ridgegate Southwest Village Filing 5	City of Lone Tree for a final plat creating 242 residential lots and multiple tracts.	External Referral	RE2026-027
2	03/12/26	6067 Perry Park Boulevard	Install and operate a Sanitary Sewer Lift Station.	Location and Extent	LE2026-004
2	03/12/26	Dawson Trails Site Development Plan	Town of Castle Rock for an apartment complex.	External Referral	RE2026-026
2	03/12/26	Sanders Business Park Site Development Plan Amendment	Referral from the Town of Castle Rock for a Site Development Plan Amendment for Sanders Business Park.	External Referral	RE2026-028
3	03/12/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 2, Lot 8, 3 rd Rev, 3 rd Mod	Modification to install a rooftop solar energy system to existing church building.	SIP Modification	SP2026-022
2	03/16/26	Indian Creek Trail Improvements	Referral request from USFS Forest Service for the Indian Creek Trail Improvements.	External Referral	RE2026-029
3	03/16/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 122 1 st Amd, Tract B, 3 rd Mod	Request for an Eligible Facilities Request (EFR) for American Tower.	SIP Modification	SP2026-023
2	03/17/26	Crystal Valley Interchange East Annexation	Referral request from the Town of Castle Rock for the Crystal Valley Interchange East Annexation.	External Referral	RE2026-030

New Sign Permits

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project No.
3	03/04/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 148, 1st Amd, Lot 2A-3A	Littleton Wellness Center - 9137 Ridgeline Bldg #2 Unit #200	SG2026-018
3	03/11/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 1, 10th Amd, Lot 1B	Ranch Social - 8155 Piney River Ave	SG2026-019 & 2026-020
3	03/13/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 133A, Lot 6	Crumb - 9557 S University Blvd Unit #102	SG2026-021
3	03/13/26	John Adams Academy, Lot 1	John Adams Academy - 7979 Butte Creek St	SG2026-022

Special Event Liquor Permits

Dist.	Date	Event Name	Permittee Name & Event Address	Permit No.
3	02/23/26	Bigfoot Bash	Highlands Ranch Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund - 6005 Ron King Trl	LL2026-015
3	02/23/26	Haunted Forest	Highlands Ranch Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund - 11165a Monarch Blvd	LL2026-016
3	02/27/26	Tequilla & Tacos	Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd	LL2026-019
1	03/10/26	Colorado Christian Academy Futures in Bloom Fundraiser	Colorado Christian Academy - 333 Inverness Dr South	LL2026-022
2	03/10/26	Easter Brunch with Spruce Mountain Ranch	Mount Saint Vincent - 14771 Spruce Mountain Rd	LL2026-021

Public Works Bid Calendar

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Project Description	Plans Available to Contractors	Contractor Pre-Bid Conference	Project Bid Opening	Tentative BCC Approval Date
Platte Canyon Repair DC 67 SP 2026-002	March 9, 2026	March 18, 2026	March 31, 2026	April 28, 2026
Removal and export failed benched section of DC 67 roadway immediately adjacent to the Platte River. Reconstruct roadway section with drainage layer and drainage pipe network. Project includes sustained traffic control, paving, earthwork, drainage work, armoring a sloped shoulder, and road section construction. Bid items include hot mix asphalt for patching, geotextile (drainage) and aggregate base course.				
Highlands Ranch Parkway (Broadway to Burntwood) CI 2026-005	Mar. 16, 2026	Mar. 25, 2026	Apr. 7, 2026	May 12, 2026
This project includes removing and replacing the concrete pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalk and pedestrian improvements. A raised median will be installed in the center of the roadway to enhance driver safety. The bike lane will remain in the reconstructed roadway. Also included is the construction of a new traffic signal at the Ridgeglen Way/Highlands Ranch Pkwy intersection and the reconstruction and upgrade of the existing traffic signal for the Burntwood Way/Highlands Ranch Pkwy intersection.				